



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

Committee Bill No. 5571

LCO No. 5019

05019HB05571KID

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CLOSURE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE
TRAINING SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL
TREATMENT REINTEGRATION EDUCATION CENTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) On and after the date
2 residential placements at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School
3 cease, such residential placements shall thereafter be made at a
4 regional treatment and reintegration education center in accordance
5 with this section.

6 (b) Not later than said date, the Commissioner of Children and
7 Families shall establish four regional treatment and reintegration
8 education centers in this state for the placement of children who
9 require secure placement or who would have otherwise been placed at
10 the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Each center shall be
11 designed to (1) house no more than fifteen boys at one time, (2) place
12 each child no more than forty-five miles from the child's place of
13 residence, and (3) meet the goals of (A) public safety, (B) successful
14 reentry to the community, (C) addressing the needs of the child in the
15 least restrictive setting and reducing the need for secure beds, (D)

16 tailoring services to the cultural, linguistic and societal needs of each
17 individual child, and (E) providing continuous case management.

18 (c) Each child in such placement shall be provided with access to
19 programs focused on (1) job readiness and training, including, but not
20 limited to, literacy and vocational training, (2) mentoring designed to
21 match each child with positive adult role models, (3) substance abuse
22 treatment, and (4) necessary mental health care. Such programs shall
23 be designed to (A) emphasize youth development, and (B) address the
24 unique needs and develop the unique strengths and abilities of
25 individual children.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
27 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
28 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
29 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
30 the aggregate five million dollars.

31 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
32 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
33 Department of Children and Families for the purpose of establishing
34 four regional treatment reintegration education centers for boys upon
35 closure of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.

36 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
37 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
38 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
39 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
40 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
41 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
42 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
43 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
44 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
45 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
46 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
47 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that

48 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
49 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
50 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
51 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
52 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
53 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
54 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
55 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
56 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
57 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
58 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
59 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish four regional treatment reintegration education centers for boys upon closure of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. HAMM, 34th Dist.; REP. HOVEY, 112th Dist.

H.B. 5571